

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the Congress of the United States to provide level or increased funding for the Community Services Block Grant program.

WHEREAS, the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) was created in 1982 as the successor to the Community Services Administration and the Office of Equal Opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Block Grant Act designates Community Action Agencies as the only federally designated anti-poverty agencies in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies use CSBG funds to provide anti-poverty programs that address needs specifically identified and prioritized by low-income populations; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies leverage between seven and eight dollars of additional funding for each dollar of CSBG funds utilized; and

WHEREAS, thousands of low-income persons in South Dakota benefit directly from programs created or delivered by Community Action Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies relieve county and state level programs of a significant financial burden by utilizing CSBG and other financial resources to provide needed services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eightieth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature of the State of South Dakota requests that the Congress of the United States authorize and provide funding for the Community Services Block Grant at its current level or increase funding in Federal Fiscal Year 2006 and future years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to President George W. Bush, Senator Tim Johnson, Senator John Thune, and Representative Stephanie Herseth.

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

March 02, 2005
March 03, 2005

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President of the Senate

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